

Safety Advisory Committee Minutes

May 25, 2023

Great Esker Park Nature Center, Elva Road
N. Weymouth, MA

Members in attendance: Marsha Geronaitis, John MacLeod, Robert Feldman, Ryan MacLeod, Jennifer Pompeo, John Lombardo and Richard Abbadessa.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Co-Chairman Marsha Geronaitis.

A motion was made by Ryan MacLeod to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023. Richard stated that a typo on page 2 should be corrected- the sentence should state EVOC school, not “evoke”. Upon the correction of this, the Motion to approve was seconded by Brian to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting. So voted unanimously.

Discussion of Old Issues:

Marsha reported that on March 20, 2023, she and John submitted the recommendation and request for a new drone to the Administration as discussed at the last meeting. The Memo requested funding to purchase a new drone, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and for additional funds for obtaining the renewal(s) or application(s) for the requisite FAA Pilot Certifications. Additionally, the Memo requested approval for Defensive Driving Trainings. Ryan reported that Ted did get back to him requesting further information the Drones he was looking at they were actively moving forward with researching a new Drone and discussing the FAA Certifications and the needs of the Town. Ryan will report back at the next meeting.

Both Bob for DPW and John for FD reported that the Defensive Driving trainings were set up and are be implemented for this summer and for the fall. Review of the LocalGov U resource was discussed and the reissued Memo from HR dated May 19, 2023 was reviewed and shared with both FD & PD for information as both of these departments actively participate in many of these trainings already.

Marsha discussed the on-going Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Training through the State MCAGP Grant. She had been asked by IT to bring awareness to these Assessments as the State has reported that our participation percentage from PD, FD & DPW are low. Richard and Jen both stated that the PD has been inundated with Assessment Training emails and it's difficult to comply with completing all of the tasks, especially for Patrol Unit. Robert stated that DPW has a large number of employees that never access a computer and therefore would not be participating in these random trainings. Fire has a similar situation

but all employees have access to the computer and generally have to utilize them during a shift. Marsha suggested that she could speak with Grant at IT to see if he could review the listing of names and emails originally provided to the state of our employees that would be participating and update the listing to Active employees and perhaps Divisions within the PD, FD and DPW departments to better reflect our participation.

New Issues:

Jen stated that she has been getting questions and/or concerns regarding active shooter trainings. The Schools are ALICE trained and continue with ELearning Alice and working with the SRO's. Jen stated that she had been asked to speak to the staff at the Tufts Library and their concerns as to what to do, where to go in the case of an active shooter. Jen reported that they addressed the group, walked the building and reviewed what should be done in various situations.

A discussion of where we had left off with the Town Alice trainings before COVID hit. It was again suggested to utilize the ALICE trainers certified for the school and the ELearning program to obtain a quote for the preparation of trainings for the Town Departments. Brian suggested that he would be the point person for Alice and John suggested that the Safety Advisory Committee recommend a Directive from the Mayor alerting Town Departments that they will be contacted as to when to report for ALICE training. Brian suggested utilizing the Adams School Building and John suggested that we close specific departments for a 2 hour period on a specific date for them to attend the Alice Training, which active participation will be voluntary. John and Marsha would take the lead for scheduling the departmental trainings for the Town Buildings and approval by the Administration. An outline of these trainings and the procedure will be presented at the next meeting.

Marsha gave a brief overview of our Risk Assessment meeting with MIIA and applauded all departments for their continuing work as we are rated in the top 5 of MIIA's communities. Our efforts to reduce and/or mitigate the Town's risks and liability remains strong and effective.

Marsha quickly referenced a Memorandum sent out on May 24th by the Town Solicitor regarding First Amendment Audits. All departments were aware of these individuals visiting Town buildings and understand that remaining professional is key.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further discussion. A motion was made by Marsha and seconded by John to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. So voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marsha Geronaitis